

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles, having a wiper motor, a gear mechanism disposed on the input shaft of the wiper motor, a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism, a gear housing cover disposed on the gear housing, and an output shaft the improvement comprising: a crank rotationally immovably positioned on a first end of the output shaft on an exterior a side of the gear housing ~~facing away from wherein the gear housing is disposed between and adjacent to the crank and~~ the gear mechanism, and wherein the output shaft-to-crank connection is a press fitting and that ~~one of the gear housing and the gear housing cover has an a separate access~~ opening on a side facing away from the crank for supporting an a second end of the output shaft during the press fit operation, ~~said output shaft facing away from the crank.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The improvement~~ Improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein an inner part of the press fitting is the output shaft and an outer part of the press fitting is a cylindrical bore in the crank.

3. (Previously Presented) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the output shaft is staked to the crank.

4. (Previously Presented) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 3, wherein a cylindrical bore in the crank has a one of chamfer, a cylindrical depression and a recess on the side facing away from the gear housing.

5. (Currently Amended) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the second end of the output shaft on the side facing away from the crank extends ~~into an area towards one of the gear housing and beyond~~ the gear housing cover and wherein ~~one of the gear housing and the gear housing cover has an the separate access~~ opening in this area.

6. Cancelled.

7. (Currently Amended) The improvement to the wiping device in accordance with claim 1 5, wherein the access opening is closed with a another cover having a configuration to enclose the extending second end of the output shaft.

8. (Currently Amended) A process for assembling a wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles, having a wiper motor, a gear mechanism disposed on an input shaft of the wiper motor, a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism, an output shaft and a crank rotationally immovably disposed on the output shaft, comprising the step of:

pressing a first end of the output shaft into a cylindrical bore in the crank; and

in order to press fit the output shaft to the crank, supporting ~~the a~~ a second end of the output shaft facing away from the crank through an access opening ~~on a side of one of the gear housing and in~~ a gear housing cover facing away from the crank.

9. (Currently Amended) A wiping device for wiping window glass on vehicles comprising:

a wiper motor;
a gear mechanism disposed on an input shaft of the wiper motor;
a gear housing enclosing the gear mechanism;
a gear housing cover disposed on the gear housing;
an output shaft having a first end extending from the gear housing; and
a crank rotationally immovably positioned on the first end of the output shaft, the crank positioned externally and adjacent of the gear housing, wherein the first end of the output shaft is connected to the crank in a press fit operation and one of the gear housing and the gear housing cover has ~~an a~~ a separate access opening extending therethrough wherein the separate access opening is on a side of one of the

gear housing and the gear housing cover facing away from the crank for supporting ~~an~~ a second end of the output shaft during the press fit operation.

10. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein an inner part of the press fitting is the output shaft and an outer part of the press fitting is a cylindrical bore in the crank.

11. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein the output shaft is staked to the crank.

12. (Previously Presented) The wiping device of claim 9 10, wherein the cylindrical bore in the crank has one of a chamfer, a cylindrical counterbore and a recess on a side facing away from the gear housing.

13. (Currently Amended) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein the output shaft on the side facing away from the crank extends into the area towards one of the gear housing and beyond the gear housing cover and ~~one of the gear housing and~~ the gear housing cover has ~~an~~ the opening in this area.

14. (Currently Amended) The wiping device of claim 9, wherein the access opening is closed with a separate cover.